

Paperboard Specialties, Inc.

177-302 3rd Avenue Paterson City Passaic County

BLOCK: CO454 LOT: 2

BLOCK: CO455 LOT: 1

BLOCK: CO428 LOT: 1

BLOCK: CO429 LOT: 1

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Paper products were manufactured at this facility for approximately 90 years, beginning in the early 1900s. The facility changed ownership in 1985, which resulted in a mandated environmental investigation under the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (ECRA, now known as the Industrial Site Recovery Act). Paperboard Specialties, Inc. purchased the facility in 1989 and assumed responsibility for compliance with ECRA requirements, but went out of business due to bankruptcy in 1992. A variety of hazardous conditions existed at the site at the time operations ceased. Explosive materials, leaking transformers and containers of chemicals were present within the process building. Drums containing potentially hazardous materials were being stored both inside and outside of the building. An underground storage tank located underneath the building contained 30,000 gallons of fuel oil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). In addition, lubricating oil, gasoline and fuel oil from leaking underground storage tanks had contaminated the subsurface soil and ground water. A Responsible Party for the site subsequently removed the leaking underground storage tanks under the supervision of NJDEP's Responsible Party Remediation Element. NJDEP's Remedial Response Element is conducting a Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action Selection (RI/RAS) to delineate the contamination in the soil and ground water and evaluate remedial alternatives. NJDEP installed additional on-site and off-site ground water monitor wells in 2002 to facilitate investigation of the ground water. NJDEP also decommissioned the underground storage tank located beneath the building and removed the waste drums and other surface materials in 2002. NJDEP expects to complete the RI/RAS in 2003. The Responsible Party has reimbursed the State of New Jersey \$534,000 for remedial work conducted at the site.